

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 30
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of J.C. Hellum, Jr. of
Lebanon.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. J.C. Hellum, Jr., a talented businessman and funeral director and dedicated humanitarian; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hellum was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked with genuine empathy and compassion to assuage the grief of bereaved families, carefully, yet unobtrusively, arranging the final memorials for their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, J.C. Hellum served with dignity, caring, and understanding as the owner of J.C. Hellum Funeral Home in Lebanon, Hellum Funeral Home, Inc. in Murfreesboro, and Carr & Hellum Funeral Home in Hartsville; he was widely revered as a genuine and attentive professional whose primary concern was always the families that he so astutely and comprehensively served; and

WHEREAS, Essentially a self-made success, Mr. Hellum began his career as a funeral director and mortician in 1959, working for the family business in Murfreesboro; his success in

the funeral home business continued to grow as he subsequently acquired ownership of two other funeral homes in Lebanon and Hartsville; and

WHEREAS, J.C. Hellum was an active and devout member of the Cedars of Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ever the devoted family man, Mr. Hellum was a loving husband, father, brother, and nephew, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, J.C. Hellum enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Jo Anna Young Hellum, and is also survived by his daughter, Wendy B. Hellum; his sister, Ann Hellum Haynes, and her husband, Dr. Lonnie Haynes; his aunt, Eary White; his uncle, Dave Rutland, and his wife, Hazel; and several other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, J.C. Hellum leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and compassion in public life, loyalty and caring in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his professional endeavors as a funeral director and mortician; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of a great humanitarian, J.C. Hellum, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his compassion for the bereaved, and his indisputable commitment to this most noble of professions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to Mr. Hellum's family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.